

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday I attended a funeral in my community, a funeral of an outstanding American, one who spent time in Vietnam, who served his country, but then who came back and was a quiet, gentle man. He raised a great family, served as an election judge, was actively involved in helping others. And I simply express condolences to the family of my good friend Carl D. Ashley, who gave his life in the service of others. A great American, great humanitarian.

WELCOMING BACK THE 202ND RED HORSE

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize and welcome the return of the last group of the 202nd RED HORSE Squadron, Florida's Air National Guard engineer unit. They are headquartered at Camp Blanding, which is in my congressional district. The remaining members arrived on Friday, October 3, completing a deployment that began with its activation in January and subsequent deployment the following February.

RED HORSE stands for Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers; and, as the name suggests, these members are the workhorses for the military's heavy construction and engineering. The 202nd was relied upon as part of the first Expeditionary RED HORSE group to complete the myriad of construction projects needed to ensure Central Command and its forces accomplished its underlying mission. One of the more notable projects was the repair of the Baghdad International Airport.

I had the opportunity to meet a number of these individuals and have in my congressional office the red hard hat that was signed by members of this unit. So I am thankful and proud of their service. Mr. Speaker, I welcome them home.

JOB CREATION AND THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the press reported that Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans was going to travel the country and focus like a laser on the issue of jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs, said the headline. He is going to travel from city to city and talk about jobs in America, that jobs are the most important issue.

Today we read that his first stop is going to be in Iraq. I guess maybe that is because that is where the Bush administration is creating jobs as they seek to build new hospitals, they seek

to build schools that they will not build in this country, hospitals that they will not build in this country, sewer systems that they will not build in this country. We see these exorbitant contracts being led through Bechtel and Haliburton. I guess that is where the jobs are from the Bush administration, and that is why the Secretary of Commerce is going there instead of going to the Midwest where hundreds of thousands of people have lost manufacturing jobs or anywhere else in this country where over 3 million people have lost their jobs and 9 million people are unemployed.

The Secretary of Commerce would do well to travel the country, as opposed to going to Iraq.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning in wishing the Republic of China a happy day for tomorrow. It is National Day.

A strong economic system, a strong educational system, and its people's grasp of the free market system of economics have made Taiwan an economic powerhouse. It is the world's 17th largest economy. This economic performance has contributed to both regional and global prosperity. At a time of economic independence among nations, Taiwan has a lot to offer the world.

On Taiwan's National Day, I would like to see Taiwan continue to play a major economic role in the world and to further strengthen its economic ties with the United States. A hearty congratulations to President Chen. We wish him and his people the best of luck as he seeks readmission to the World Health Organization. He deserves his place on the world's stage.

We appreciate Taiwan's support of America and honor their National Day.

ENGINEERED FABRICS CORPORATION

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a company located in the 11th district of Georgia which I represent.

Mr. Speaker, we all know the dangers our men and women of the Armed Forces are facing during the operations of Enduring Freedom. During combat operations several of our Apache helicopters took enemy fire and were damaged to the point they could no longer operate in the combat theatre. As one can imagine, it was imperative these helicopters were repaired and returned to the theatre of operations as soon as possible.

On April 2, 2003, the men and women of Engineered Fabrics Corporation in

Rockmart, Georgia, got the call to assist our Nation's warfighters. Within 24 hours 28 new Apache fuel tanks were on their way to the combat theatre.

In recognition of this excellent, incredible effort, Engineered Fabrics received the Commander's Medallion for Outstanding Warfight Support from the Defense Contract Management Agency.

Specifically, I would like to thank and congratulate Mr. Carl Simmons, Contracts Manager, and Sheila Smith, Shipping and Receiving Manager, both with Engineered Fabrics. These two individuals were instrumental in ensuring that contract and shipment requirements were completed on or ahead of schedule.

Mr. Speaker, Engineered Fabrics is an outstanding company in my 11th District of Georgia and a great example of the American spirit and will to succeed.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

(Mrs. CAPITO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of declaring October National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic violence encompasses all acts of violence against women within the context of a family or intimate relationships. It is an issue of increasing concern because it has a negative effect on all family members, especially the children.

It is also leading cause of injury to women in the United States, where they are more likely to be assaulted, injured, raped or killed by a male partner than by any other type of assailant.

During 1998, an average of two domestic homicides occurred in my State of West Virginia each month. Across the United States, it is estimated that as many as 4 million instances of domestic abuse against women occur yearly.

We must fight this scourge. These statistics are devastating, but behind every statistic there is a face, a family, a woman, a child who is in a violent relationship and the children are trapped in these violent unstable homes living in fear.

I am asking every Member of Congress to spread the word about domestic violence so we can help these women and children live a life free of fear. This epidemic is something in our communities that we need to be aware of, and October is a month to shine a light on the problem of domestic violence throughout our country.